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Research on Sugarcane
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has conducted any research for crop improvement with respect to increasing the production and productivity of sugarcane in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure that benefits of successful research activities conducted by the ICAR and other similar organizations reach the farmers at grass root level; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) conducts the research on sugarcane crop improvement through its two premier research institutions viz., ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow and ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore and also through All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Sugarcane with 22 centres located in different State Agricultural Universities in the country. A total of 113 sugarcane varieties have been developed to cater the need of different agro-climatic zones of the country.

(c) & (d): The technologies developed in sugarcane by ICAR institutions and other similar organizations is disseminated among the farmers through frontline demonstrations, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, organizing training programmes, Kisan Mela, awareness campaigns like Field Days and On farm training programs, sugar mills, press releases through AIR, Print media, Doordarshan etc.

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